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March 29, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Virginia Beach Joint Operations Center in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Virginia Beach, located at 2401 Courthouse Dr. Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

The funding would be used to construct an approximately 30,000 square foot, Critical Operations Facility to house staff and support personnel during normal daily operations and during natural and/or man-made disasters in the preparation, monitoring, and recovery stages of an event. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will improve the response and recovery capability and resiliency of the City of Virginia Beach.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Jen Kiggans

Virginia's 2nd District

Chesapeake Police Department Patrol Vessel Replacement

Recipient Name:

City of Chesapeake

Member Name:

Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans

Amount Requested:

\$500,000

Project Justification:

The requested cabin vessel allows for yearly operations and long deployed escorts into the city and the Port. Safety of the crew and surrounding maritime assets make this vessel the preferred platform for many federal, state and local agencies. The requested vessel can operate in black out conditions using sophisticated FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) and conducting underwater Sonar scans of vessels and piers protecting vital infrastructure.

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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for a Chesapeake Police Department Patrol Vessel Replacement in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, located at 306 Cedar Rd. Chesapeake, VA 23322.

The funding would be used for a law enforcement, marine style vessel with a cabin and dual motors for adverse weather conditions and maritime escorts through the port of Hampton Roads. This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the City of Chesapeake and the Port of Hampton Roads are some of the busiest waters in the state. The City of Chesapeake maintains vital infrastructure within its waterways to include military installations, a liquified natural gas depot, and several hazardous chemical and material facilities on the Elizabeth River. These locations are patrolled by the Chesapeake Police Maritime Operations unit. The requested cabin vessel allows for yearly operations and long deployed escorts into the city and the Port. The requested vessel is the latest advancement in law enforcement maritime operations. Safety of the crew and surrounding maritime assets make this vessel the preferred platform for many federal, state and local agencies.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized in section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Jen Kiggans Virginia's 2nd District

Isle of Wight County for Riverside Elevated Storage Tank

Recipient Name:

Isle of Wight County

Member Name:

Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans

Amount Requested:

\$2,800,000

Project Justification:

In order to meet the fire flow requirements and the domestic needs of the area, a 750,000-gallon elevated storage tank is needed in accordance with the results of a Preliminary Engineering Report completed in 2022. The purpose of this project is multi-fold as it increases the County's resilience for both domestic and fire flows, provides required VDH storage to meet current demands, provides a higher-pressure zone to improve lower than desired pressure areas in the area where the tank is needed, and will have a positive impact on the County's ability to provide safe drinking water well into the future. The proposed funds would be used to support engineering design and construction.

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March 24, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Riverside Elevated Storage Tank in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Isle of Wight County, located at 17090 Monument Cir. Isle of Wight, VA 23397.

The funding would be used to meet the fire flow requirements and the domestic needs of the area with the construction of a 750,000-gallon elevated storage tank. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it increases the County's resilience for both domestic and fire flows, provides required VDH storage to meet current demands, provides a higher-pressure zone to improve lower than desired pressure areas in the area where the tank is needed, and will have a positive impact on the County's ability to provide safe drinking water well into the future.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Title VI of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C 1381 et seq. [Clean Water Projects] OR Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12. [Drinking Water Projects]. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Jen Kiggans

Virginia's 2nd District

Fire and Rescue Training Grounds Repair

Recipient Name:

City of Franklin

Member Name:

Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans

Amount Requested:

\$1,000,000

Project Justification:

The training facility and grounds are currently shared with neighboring jurisdictions, including the Southampton County Fire and Rescue Association, Isle of Wight County Fire and Rescue agencies, and the City of Suffolk Fire & Rescue. Each jurisdiction participates in a year subscription fee which allocates \$1,500 per jurisdiction for daily consumables. The City of Franklin assumes all operating and capital expenses of the facilities.

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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Fire and Rescue Training Grounds Repair in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is City of Franklin, VA, located at 207 W. 2nd Ave. Franklin, VA 23851.

The funding would be used to construct a new permanent classroom facility which will allow for adequate space, technology, and an environment for professional development. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because local fire and emergency services today are frequently being deployed for an array of response missions. These include mass-casualty incidents, hazardous materials, aviation emergencies, catastrophic fires, weather events and major hurricanes. It is imperative that local fire and rescue agencies have a training facility with the capabilities to seamlessly train their personnel to prepare, respond, and recover from natural or manmade disasters. In the fast-changing world of Public Safety, more and more fire departments are finding that their current training facilities are outdated and sorely lacking in the equipment and props needed to adequately train their growing numbers of personnel. This funding will ensure that the Fire & Rescue resources in Franklin, and the surrounding communities, are adequately trained in modern facilities.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is aligned with section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10152). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Jen Kiggans Virginia's 2nd District

City of Suffolk King's Highway Bridge Replacement Design - 30%

Recipient Name:

City of Suffolk, Virginia

Member Name:

Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans

Amount Requested:

\$3,800,000

Project Justification:

Constructed in 1926, the previously existing King's Highway Bridge was determined to be structurally unsound. The funding requested will be used to complete the replacement design at 30%, which will include the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) phase, development of the Bridge Type/Size/Location (TSL) Report, and completion of the geotechnical efforts. The reconstruction of this bridge will provide another vital water crossing in the Hampton Roads region and create a transportation alternative to Suffolk's western county neighbors. In addition to the community impacts, this funding will also serve to better position the City with future infrastructure grant endeavors associated with the future phases of this project. These funds will provide the City of Suffolk with an opportunity to reinvigorate state and federal interest, complete the initial environmental plan and design steps, and ultimately result in more robust funding opportunities for the critically needed river crossing. Allocation of this funding to the City of Suffolk will serve to further align with the City's goals to enhance traffic flows throughout the City(the northeast, the central core, and northwest development areas) and Hampton Roads Region. In addition to traffic flows, the provision of these funds will be a catalyst to facilitating further economic growth and business development due to the City's positioning and proximity to the Port of Virginia, Routes 460 and 58, and the various industrial development potential.

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March 31, 2023

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for City of Suffolk King's Highway Bridge Replacement Design in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Suffolk, Virginia, located at 442 W Washington St. Suffolk, VA 23434.

The funding would be used to facilitate an additional river crossing in the western Hampton Roads Region to alleviate traffic back-ups on Route 58, Route 337, I-664, and Route 17. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the previous bridge was constructed in 1926 and was deemed to be structurally unsound. Following the closure in 2005, the eighty-one year old bridge was demolished in 2007 due to those structural deficiencies. The funding requested will be used to complete design at 30%, which will include the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) phase, development of the Bridge Type/Size/Location (TSL) Report, and completion of the geotechnical efforts. The complete project includes construction of a new 4,200 foot, two - lane bridge span across the Nansemond River, connecting Kings Highway (Route 125) to Godwin Boulevard (Route 10), near Five Mile Road. The bridge will include a ten (10) foot multi-use path and a five (5) foot sidewalk.

This project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds for numerous reasons. It will improve traffic flows, and the public safety response times will drastically improve, as well as accessibility to emergency medical treatment facilities. This will allow residents of the Hampton Roads Region to receive expeditious life-saving treatment and services is vital to continuing to grow our healthy communities. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by in 23 USC 201.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Jen Kiggans Virginia's 2nd District

Custis Neck and Locustville

Recipient Name:

Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority

Member Name:

Congresswoman Jen A. Kiggans

Amount Requested:

\$319,405

Project Justification:

The Eastern Shore of Virginia is requesting funding for two adjacent communities both with great needs for broadband with much of the community being unserved and one intermediary span being underserved. In the Custis Neck portion of the project, the ESVBA must build approximately 7miles of fiber across several challenging areas to serve the folks in Custis Neck, Folly Creek Club and Henrys Point. This area has 74 passings of which 34 residents would immediately sign-up if a network was in place. The community has resorted to using SpaceX to provide coverage which is now no longer taking orders and the service has continued to deteriorate. In the second area of Locustville, the ESVBA would provide a build of approximately 3.1miles to provide connectivity to the 34 residents along the path. Much of the pathway only has satellite or fixed wireless services and is desperate to get access to reliable broadband. These two communities currently have no funding sources for their needs and are stuck in the 20'th Century while the rest of the country progresses broadband. We want to tackle this challenge with your help and best support these residents.